

# March

Magic Lantern Society  
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From <https://cartoonscloseups.blog/>

LOOK for those Buttons and roll-over effects



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From Cartoons, Close-ups First World War cartoons & portrait photographs

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## Slides by W. T. ELSING



### From Rob Boggs

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Hello I have around 100 M. lantern slides most are cultural over veiw of JAPAN. A collection done by W. T. ELSING.

There are pictures of warships ,MT. FUGI , THE THREE MONKEYS . To name a few of the more interesting slides , lots of country folks and their homes . vendors with cart loaded with thing they were selling.

Any info you can give me just for my fyi would be welcomed or someone who mite be interested this collection

TY and have a Good day



### From David Evans

Hello Rob

Thank you for contacting us. We can add your information to our next e-Publication (March) so any member interested could contact you directly. The slides do look quite interesting. We can say Open to Offers if that is OK with you.

David Evans

## Inquiry

From Member

### From Terry Borton



### Raven Info Wanted

Do you have a set of slides for "The Raven" by Joseph Boggs Beale? Scholar Dan Malan is working on a book about illustrations of "The Raven," and would like some sense of how common Beale's set was. Please respond to **Terry Borton** at **tborton@magicianlanternshows.com**, and let him know if what you have is in color or black-and -white, in the 3-1/4" x 4" format, or wood framed. We'll report back in the next issue. Thank you.





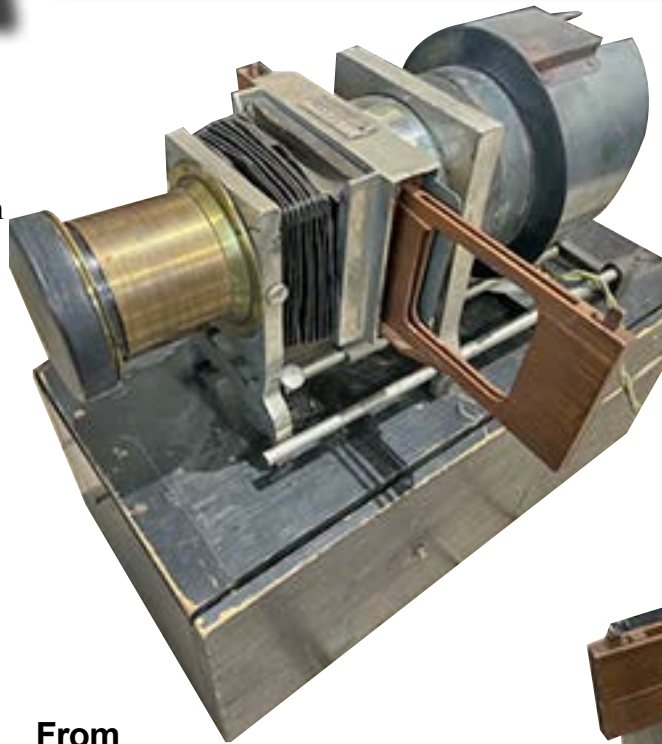
## Bullard&Breck Lantern

**From Rob Smith**

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Good evening

I have recently purchased a old lantern with a hand full of slides and would love to learn more about this one. It has nothing other then a name plate on the top of is saying Bullard&Breck San Francisco. I can not find anything about this lantern slide projector online and to say the least it's driving me crazy.



**From David Evans**

Hello Rob

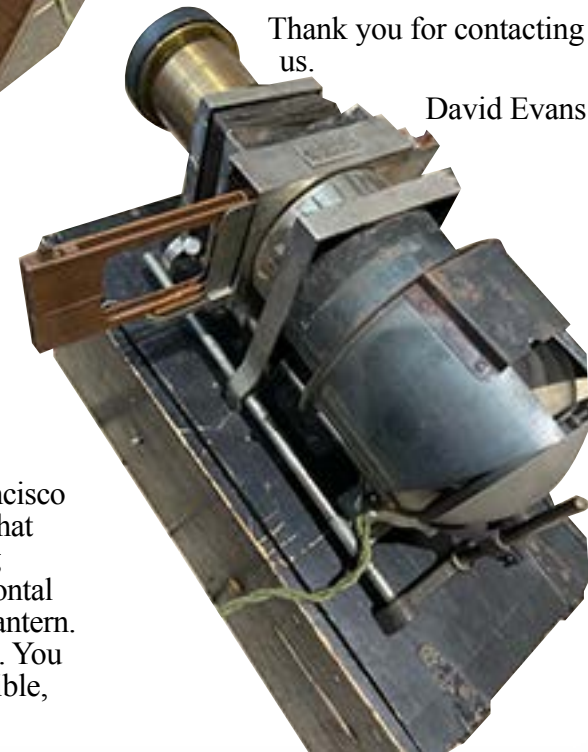
Bullard and Breck did advertise in San Francisco newspapers around the turn of the century that they sold magic lanterns, slides and moving films, though yours looks more like a horizontal photographic enlarger rather than a magic lantern. It can probably do both if you set it up right. You will need the slide stage back as far as possible,

as close to the condenser lens as possible. Then try to focus it on a screen. You could try with a piece of white paper, and walk closer or further away until part of the image is about in focus on the paper. That will give you a rough idea about where the screen should be. Then you can adjust the position of the projection lens in or out until you have what you need.

I hope that helps.

Thank you for contacting us.

David Evans



## Glass Slides - Mary Pickford Foundation



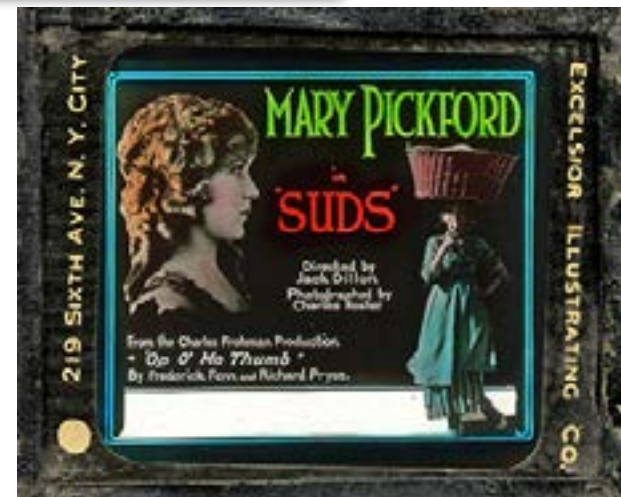
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### GLASS SLIDES

Before there were movie trailers and billboards to advertise coming attractions, theatergoers would be treated to beautifully colored glass slides before silent features. The following glass slide images are from the collections of Bison Archives/Marc Wanamaker, Rob Brooks/Toronto International Film Festival, Chris Milewski, and Joseph M. Yraski.



<https://marypickford.org/glass-slides/>



1920 - Suds - Courtesy of Chris Milewski



1917 - Poor Little Rich Girl - Courtesy of Chris Milewski



1923 - Rosita



## VERY RARE FREAKS 1932 Original Movie Glass Slide

From Terry Borton

Hi Larry,  
Here's one for the unusual prices  
section!  
Best,  
Terry



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/VERY-RARE-FREAKS-1932-Original-Movie-Glass-Slide-Magic-Lantern-Tod-Browning-/393111324316>

As Seen On



We have looked at listings of high-priced slides for many years. Shown here on the right are more listed at \$1,500 or more for a single slide.

If you're selling your slides these prices seem reasonable. But listing at these prices does not tell you the price that is most likely to be realized.

Getting a high price for a slide requires that you are lucky enough to be exposed to a very wealthy buyer that does

## A Look at Other Listings Under the Film Glass Slides Heading



Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde 1931  
Original Movie Glass Slide  
Magic Lantern

**\$2,000.00**

\$7.50 shipping

or Best Offer



Laurel Hardy Pardon Us  
Original Movie Glass Slide  
Magic Lantern 1931

**\$1,500.00**

\$7.50 shipping

or Best Offer



The Mark of Zorro, 1940,  
Movie Glass Slide, Tyrone  
Power, Linda Darnell, "Rare"

**\$2,400.00**

Was: \$3,600.00

\$6.00 shipping

or Best Offer



The Green Hornet Strikes  
Again!, 1940, Movie Glass  
Slide, Warren Hull, Keye...

**\$1,600.00**

Was: \$2,600.00

\$6.00 shipping

or Best Offer



The Asphalt Jungle, 1950,  
Movie Glass Slide, Sterling  
Hayden, Marilyn Monroe

**\$2,400.00**

Was: \$3,600.00

\$6.00 shipping

or Best Offer



VERY RARE FREAKS 1932  
Original Movie Glass Slide  
Magic Lantern Tod Browning

**\$7,500.00**

\$7.50 shipping

or Best Offer

10 watching



Gone With the Wind, 1940,  
Movie Glass Slide, Clark  
Gable, Vivien Leigh, "Rare"

**\$2,400.00**

Was: \$3,600.00

\$6.00 shipping

or Best Offer



Beast of the City 1932  
Original Movie Glass Slide  
Magic Lantern Jean Harlow

**\$1,500.00**

\$7.50 shipping

or Best Offer



The 4 Marx Brothers Monkey  
Business Original Movie  
Glass Slide Magic Lantern...

**\$4,000.00**

\$7.50 shipping

or Best Offer

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## Film Glass Slides continued

Here are a few more of those fantastic prices for a single coming attraction lantern slide. Shown here are the sold items.



SOLD Jan 28, 2021

**Tarzan The Tiger 1929 Film  
Original Movie Glass Slide  
Magic Lantern**

**\$250.00**

\$7.50 shipping

not have an interest in what the market value is or the number of copies that were produced of your slide. The buyer must have the obsession that your slide has to be in their collection.

This type of slide was produce so it could be shown in various theatre chains. Understanding that there were 3–10 thousand theaters in the US alone during the time these slides were used gives a rough number to calculate what was very possible that 1–3 thousand copies of these slides were made.

One factor that might make the leap to an extreme price is the content of a particular

**Frankenstein 1931 Film Original Movie  
Glass Slide Magic Lantern**



Sold for: **US \$6,000.00**

Shipping: \$7.50 Expedited Shipping | See details

**Seller information** Sold Jan 27, 2021  
thriftdrop (2356 ★)

slide. Famous film, actor or director listed or shown in slide. The next page deals with the reality of what the market value is and just what amount is being paid for coming attraction slides.

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SOLD Jan 22, 2021

**Tempest 1928 Film Original  
Movie Glass Slide Magic  
Lantern John Barrymore**

**\$250.00**

\$5.50 shipping

**Mysterious Island 1929 Original Movie Glass Slide Magic  
Lantern Lionel Barrymore**



Sold for: **US \$500.00**

Shipping: \$7.50 Expedited Shipping | See details





**Seller information**  
thriftdrop (2356 ★)  
100% Positive Feedback













## Film Glass Slides continued

Shown here are 18 examples of the 279 slides sold on Ebay from Dec 20,2020 to Feb 19, 2021.

It's worth noting the number of bids for each slide and the final price realized. Sixteen to twenty bids did bring the price above \$100

 <p>SOLD Feb 4, 2021 1929 Glass Slide MOVIE The Mysterious Dr Fu Manchu Warner OLAND Paramount...</p> <p><b>\$86.00</b> \$7.00 shipping 13 bids</p>	 <p>SOLD Jan 21, 2021 1922 "Flesh &amp; Blood" Movie Theater Promotional Glass Slide</p> <p><b>\$131.50</b> Free shipping 20 bids</p>
 <p>SOLD Feb 11, 2021 1929 Glass Slide MOVIE Monte Blue TIGER ROSE Lupe VÉLEZ Rin Tin Tin DO...</p> <p><b>\$157.73</b> \$7.00 shipping 20 bids</p>	 <p>SOLD Nov 30, 2020 "THE ENEMY (1927) Lillian Gish, Ralph Forbes World War I Silent Film Glass Slide</p> <p><b>\$76.00</b> Was: \$95.00 \$8.45 shipping</p>

 <p>"WET PAINT", 1926, RAYMOND GRIFFITH, ORIGINAL COLOR GLASS...</p> <p><b>\$9.99</b> \$9.90 shipping 1 bid - 1d 18h</p>	 <p>"LET'S GET MARRIED", 1926, RICHARD DIX, ORIGINAL COLOR GLASS SLIDE</p> <p><b>\$9.99</b> \$9.90 shipping 1 bid - 1d 18h</p>	 <p>"HER SISTER FROM PARIS", 1925, CONSTANCE TALMADGE, ORIGINAL...</p> <p><b>\$14.99</b> \$9.90 shipping 1 bid - 1d 18h</p>	 <p>"WHO DONE IT", 1942 ABBOTT AND COSTELLO ORIGINAL COLOR GLASS...</p> <p><b>\$13.50</b> \$9.90 shipping 2 bids - 18h 9m</p>
 <p>SOLD Feb 16, 2021 Alias Jimmy Valentine 1928 Film Original Movie Glass Slide Magic Lantern</p> <p><b>\$26.01</b> \$5.50 shipping 4 bids</p>	 <p>SOLD Feb 16, 2021 Mountain Justice 1930 Film Original Movie Glass Slide Magic Lantern</p> <p><b>\$15.50</b> \$5.50 shipping 2 bids</p>	 <p>SOLD Feb 16, 2021 A House Divided 1931 Film Original Movie Glass Slide Magic Lantern</p> <p><b>\$31.00</b> \$5.50 shipping 7 bids</p>	 <p>SOLD Feb 16, 2021 Mounted Stranger 1930 Original Movie Glass Slide Magic Lantern Hoot Gibson</p> <p><b>\$19.00</b> \$5.50 shipping 3 bids</p>
 <p>SOLD Feb 16, 2021 Great Garbo The Kiss 1929 Original Movie Glass Slide Magic Lantern</p> <p><b>\$202.50</b> \$5.50 shipping 16 bids</p>	 <p>SOLD Feb 16, 2021 Parade of the West 1930 Original Movie Glass Slide Magic Lantern</p> <p><b>\$19.00</b> \$5.50 shipping 3 bids</p>	 <p>SOLD Feb 16, 2021 The Phantom of Paris 1931 Film Original Movie Glass Slide Magic Lantern</p> <p><b>\$63.00</b> \$5.50 shipping 5 bids</p>	 <p>SOLD Feb 16, 2021 Mother Machree 1932 Original Movie Glass Slide Magic Lantern</p> <p><b>\$26.49</b> \$5.50 shipping 4 bids</p>

**Information**

*Request*

## How do you organize a lantern slide collection?

### From Ron Easterday

Looking for ideas and suggestions to make searching and extracting slides from a large slide collection using an organized file system.

### What works?

By slide type, children's slide, size,  
3¼ x 3¼, 3¼ x 4

Photographic vs hand painted

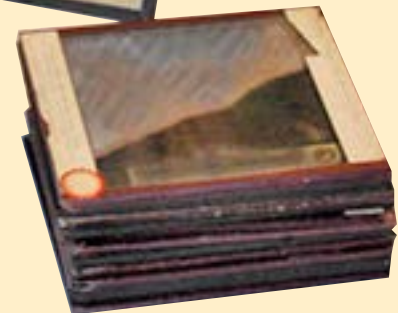
Subject matter

Identification on slide mat or label

Or what combination of the above works for you?

Is there any standardization of subject matter titles?

What details of each slide were recorded, short description of the image, sizes, and any inscriptions or copy on slide.



Please share any information and resources you might have!  
click here to send to:

**LARRY**





## Slides and Cabinet

**From Gail Kruppa**

Torrington Historical  
torringtonhistorical@snet.net

Hello,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Torrington (CT) Historical Society. The Society recently deaccessioned a large oak cabinet (see attached photo) that contains approx. 1,000 slides from the Pageant of America series.

My reason for contacting you is to see if your organization offers such items for sale through your membership or website. If not, can you recommend someone in Connecticut or the northeast who might be interested in acquiring the collection?

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

The cabinet measures 56" h, 21" w, 19 1/2" d. The majority of slides have labels marked: "From the Pageant of America Yale University Press 186 Fourth Ave New York". Many of the slides also have labels identifying the scene depicted. They do not have stereoscopic cards or a manual included.

I am not familiar with Keystone slides but you might be interested to know that we recently deaccessioned a Keystone Lantern



Slide Projector (duplicate of another in our collection) which will be sold. Is that something of interest to your group? I've attached a photo.

Thank you for the information David. I'm fascinated by the combination slide and stereo view system that was used in the schools— very interesting !

I would be very grateful if you could advertise these items for our organization.

Yes, we'd be open to offers.



Sincerely,

Gail Kruppa  
Assistant Director/Curator  
Torrington Historical Society  
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Torrington, CT 06790

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## Slides and Cabinet Continued

### From David Evans

Hello Gail

Are these Keystone slides? The cabinet is rather large for just 1000 slides, and I am wondering if they are the Keystone set with accompanying stereoscopic cards and manual. Can you confirm, or let me know the slide maker if not Keystone, please?

Certainly we can offer the lot for sale to our members via our monthly e-publication.

Thank you for contacting us.

Thanks for the extra information. Should any of our members be interested, we will suggest that they contact you directly.

The Keystone company produced a great many slides for educational use - their 600 set of slides was quite common - and their aim was to have a set put into every school in America. Their larger sets came with matching stereo cards, so that the students could have the slide on the screen and study the stereo card in a hand-held viewer while the lecturer described the scene. Your projector would probably have been supplied to a school somewhere for that purpose.

We can advertise that too if you like.  
David Evans

## National Anthropological Archives' Annual Report for 2020

<https://siarchives.si.edu/blog/deconstructing-mystery-rare-photo-proves-be-earliest-ever-taken-smithsonian-castle>

### Listed is the Tom Rall Slide Donation

Page 10 of the 2020 report lists the acquisition of my Native American lantern slide collection by the Smithsonian!

The collection contains lantern slides (many colored) collected by Tom Rall depicting Native American individuals, groups, and events from a wide variety of tribes. Many of the images are copies of known photographs, rendered into lantern slides for

projection. Of particular note are a set of lantern slides of James Mooney's Ghost Dance photographs, a set of slides created by the New York State Education Department, and a series of slides compiled or collected by Rev. Johnson with bible readings and hymns in the Dakota/Lakota language. The Johnson series also contains 4" x 5" glass negatives (dry plate), and include photos of a family, possibly Johnson's, individuals, and scenes probably around Pine Ridge. Additionally, and

of considerable note, are two original nitrate negatives depicting Oglala Chief Red Cloud.

Tom Rall is a Virginia dealer in historical photography. Rall also donated the earliest known photo of the SI Castle (see also <https://siarchives.si.edu/blog/deconstructing-mystery-rare-photo-proves-be-earliest-ever-taken-smithsonian-castle>) to the Smithsonian Castle collection.







## Magic Lantern and Slide collection



**From Phyllis Oulmann Charney**  
 pocharney@gmail.com

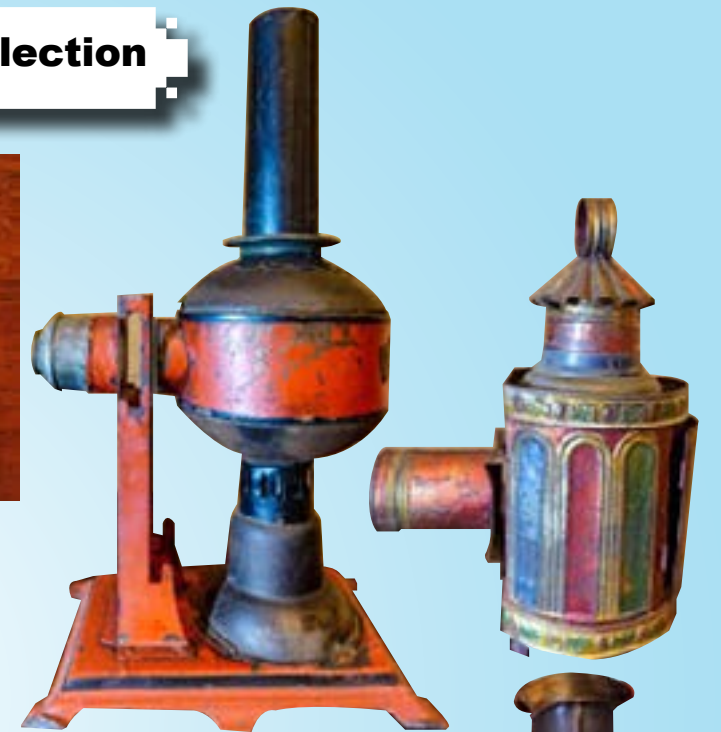
Dear David,

I have finally catalogued the magic lantern collection of my late husband. There are three magic lanterns, seven moving slides and 68 single slides including slides of the Civil War, the death of Sitting Bull, some German slides, some with initials on them and some just plain fun!

As you can see by the first photo, that lantern comes with 8 magic lantern photographic journals and a Kaleidoscopic slide.

The entire collection is for sale for \$2500. plus shipping. If you would like to post the information in your next issue I would be grateful. In addition if you have any questions, thoughts, etc. please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks and my best wishes,  
 Phyllis Charney



**From David Evans**

Thanks Phyllis - some nice looking slides etc. We'll certainly add it all to the next e-publication and hope for the best.

Regards  
 David



## **A Big Thank You to the following:**

contributing to this months issue.

**Rob Boggs  
Terry Borton  
Phyllis Oulmann Charney  
Ron Easterday  
David Evans  
Gail Kruppa  
Tom Rall  
Tim Shinnars  
Rob Smith**

## **Now it's your turn to share!**

Do you have a favorite site or a collection of images you would like to share with the rest of the society?

**E-mail Larry**

## **Niles Museum San Francisco**

**From Tim Shinnars**  
timshinnars1@gmail.com

Hi Larry - I just spent some relaxing time viewing some info related to magic lanterns and early cinema from the Niles Museum in the San Francisco area: <https://nilesfilmmuseum.org/?tv=4997833899900928>

I happened to stop by the museum a few years ago and they had the coolest old slide & film projectors. If you ever wander down that way, you should check it out.

TAKE CARE! Tim

**PANORAMA**  
International Panoramas Council



## **Call For Proposals**

**30th International Panorama Council Conference**

**September 15 – 18, 2021, New Bedford, Massachusetts, USA**

**Hosted by  
New Bedford  
Whaling Museum**

**Extended deadline:  
March 12, 2021!**

The International Panorama Council invites scholars, artists, and panorama specialists to submit proposals for presentations that explore the material and cultural significance of the panorama and panoramic media in light of our conference theme, Time and Travel. The 30 th annual conference, our first to be anchored by a moving panorama, will be hosted by the New Bedford Whaling Museum (NBWM) in New Bedford, Massachusetts, USA. It will take place September 15–18, 2021, with an optional post-conference excursion on September 19, 2021.

## **Welcome New Member**

### **Karen Perdue**

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Collector of History

Interested in lanterns

## **Change of Member Information**

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